(a) whether Government are considering to offer petroleum related PSUs for disinvestment;

(b) if so, the names thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) to (c) The disinvestment policy of the Government is that the Government, in generality of cases, will reduce its equity to 26% or below in Central Public Sector Undertakings operating in non-strategic areas. The strategic Public Sector Enterprises are those operating in the areas of arms and ammunition and the allied items of defence equipment, defence aircraft and warships; atomic energy, except in the areas relating to the generation of nuclear power and the applications of radiation and radio isotopes to agriculture, medicine and non-strategic industries; Railway transport.

The consideration of proposals for disinvestment in Central Public Sector Undertakings including Public Sector Oil Companies is a continuous process. The Government has decided to retain 26% equity in IBP Co. Ltd. and to disinvest 33.6% through strategic sale through international competitive bidding. The process of disinvestment in IBP Co. Limited has not yet been completed.

The Government had also accorded approval in May, 1998 for disinvestment of 10% equity capital of Indian Oil Corporation Limited through GDR/domestic issue. The GDR/domestic issue has not taken place thus far.

Unspent amount under Urban Employment Generation Programme (UEGP)

*18. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether under Central and States share of fund of Rs. 2039.89 crore released under Urban Employment Generation Programme (UEGP), a sum of Rs. 645.98 crore remained unspent as on 31st March, 2000;

(b) whether it is a fact that 910 schemes under the programme in the States were abandoned mid-way after incurring Rs. 6.02 crore;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the action taken by Government on both the counts?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation has been implementing a unified Centrally Sponsored urban poverty alleviation programme named Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) with effect from 01.12.1997, subsuming all previous Urban Poverty Alleviation (UPA) programmes, with a view to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed or under-employed poor. The programme is funded in the ratio of 75:25 between the Centre and the States. Central funds amounting to Rs. 375.87 crores were released to the States/UTs under SJSRY from 01.12.1997 to 31st March 2000. States have reported the release of their share amounting to Rs. 69.47 crores for the same period. An unspent balance of Rs. 543.42 crores (tentatively) from old UPA programmes had also been reported by the States/UTs. Thus, out of the availability of total fund of Rs. 988.76 crores, the States/UTs had reported availability of an unspent balance of Rs. 582.43 crores with them till 31st March 2000.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. SJSRY is an ongoing scheme.

(d) Guidelines have been issued to all the States/UTs for effective implementation of the scheme. Government is monitoring the scheme through (i) the Quarterly Progress Reports, (ii) field visits and (iii) review meetings at the level of Minister/Secretary with Secretaries of the States/UTs.

Diversion of Tribal Development Funds

*19. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:
DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that funds for tribal development are being diverted by certain districts and States; and

(b) if so, the names of such districts and States and the steps taken to ensure proper utilization of the funds to end agony of the tribals for whom potable water and electricity are still a luxury?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) In the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended March, 1998, it has, *inter-alia*, been brought out that scrutiny of records in selected districts of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh,